



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

15 January 1964

Honorable Carl Vinson
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vinson:

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[Redacted] This item as well as other previous instances of publication of sensitive intelligence information has been of great concern to me for some time.

The possibility of additional legislation to assist in the protection of intelligence from unauthorized disclosure has been under study for several years. Work is continuing on this but in the meantime I thought it desirable to bring to your attention some of the problems in this field with which the Agency is confronted. For this purpose, I am enclosing a short study entitled "Certain Legal Aspects Re Protecting Intelligence from Unauthorized Disclosure." This short study has attached to it a draft of proposed new legislation aimed at correcting certain deficiencies in existing law. Undoubtedly further work can and will be done on this legislation prior to formal submission. However, you or your Committee might be interested in our thoughts and could well have suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. McCone".
John A. McCone
Director

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| Remarks: Attached are proposed identical letters to Senator Russell and Representative Vinson following up on [redacted] which was sent forward at the Director's request. The letters discuss further this problem and attach a short study on the legal aspects of this and also a draft of our intelligence data legislation. Vinson and his staff have expressed interest in being further informed on this problem. Recommend signature. [redacted] | | | |

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